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# WELCOME TO EASTERN STATES



**E**astern States enters the new millennium with renewed energy and enthusiasm for our role as *Guardians of the Past—Stewards for the Future*. We are committed to managing, protecting, and improving the public lands and resources to serve the needs of the American people now and in the future. I would like to share with you some of our achievements and priorities and thank all of you who contributed to our successes.

This year, we celebrated our 20th anniversary of becoming a BLM State Office. To celebrate, both former and current employees gathered to reminisce and recognize our accomplishments. The anniversary made us appreciate that, although the activities have changed slightly from earlier times, we are still guided by the principles of stewardship, customer service, partnerships, technical excellence, outreach, and development of our most valuable resource—our employees.

Our stewardship mission was advanced by several significant accomplishments throughout the year. The Jupiter Inlet Wetlands Project was completed with exciting success, resulting in a new

2-acre tidal wetland and the appearance of two manatees within months of finishing our restoration work. On a longer horizon, we continued in-depth planning analyses and environmental assessments for public lands and resources in New York, Wisconsin, Louisiana, West Virginia, and Arkansas. And finally, we addressed safety and environmental risks by increasing oil and gas inspections and plugging orphan wells in Mississippi and in other areas in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the State of Ohio.

Environmental education plays a major part in our stewardship mission, and this year, we teamed up with some of our partners to participate in Wonderful Outdoor World camp outs; Urban Tree House events in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Washington, DC; and Piney Woods School and environmental education activities and camps in Mississippi. Our partnerships in environmental education, as well as in other programs, are invaluable to us. We continue to strengthen our relationships with these and other partners such as the Eastern Lands and Resources Council, Outdoor Writers Association of America, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Miner Elementary School, America's Outdoors, and the Betty Brinn Children's Museum. In addition, we built two new partnerships this year, one with the State of Virginia and one with the State of Maryland.

Eastern States is striving to advance electronic government. This year, through the efforts of our Milwaukee Field Office and their partners, the America's Outdoors Bookstore and Eastern States' Public Lands Information Center went online, providing valuable public land and recreation information to our customers—the public. We built on the success of the General Land Office (GLO) Records Automation Project by adding data on the first

300,000 western serial patents. We now offer information on historic land patents for all 30 Public Land States and a few patents in Texas. Another “cyber” advance was the expansion of our Wild Horse and Burro (WH&B) Internet Adoption Web site, which has made adoptions more accessible for the public and has given national exposure to this important program. Both the GLO Web site and the WH&B Web site were selected as E-GOV 2000 Trail Blazers, distinguishing them as exceptional solutions that merited recognition within the E-Government community.

In addition to conducting adoptions over the Internet, we held numerous adoption events to help find homes for wild horses and burros. We also increased postadoption compliance inspections to ensure the well-being of these animals. The Eastern States' Adoption Program is critical in helping BLM establish reasonable herd sizes on public lands in the West—a situation which today is a crisis.

This summer, our Jackson Hotshot Crew was called upon once again to serve as an initial attack force in fighting wildland fires. This elite and brave group trains extensively to prepare for each fire season. This season proved to be a very busy and dangerous one, not only in central Florida, but also in the Western United States, where the crew's talents were used extensively.

As we begin a new fiscal year, Eastern States looks forward to new challenges and opportunities, and we will continue to provide quality customer service and good stewardship, improve our working relationships, and strive to seek better ways of doing business.

**Gayle F. Gordon**

Director, Eastern States



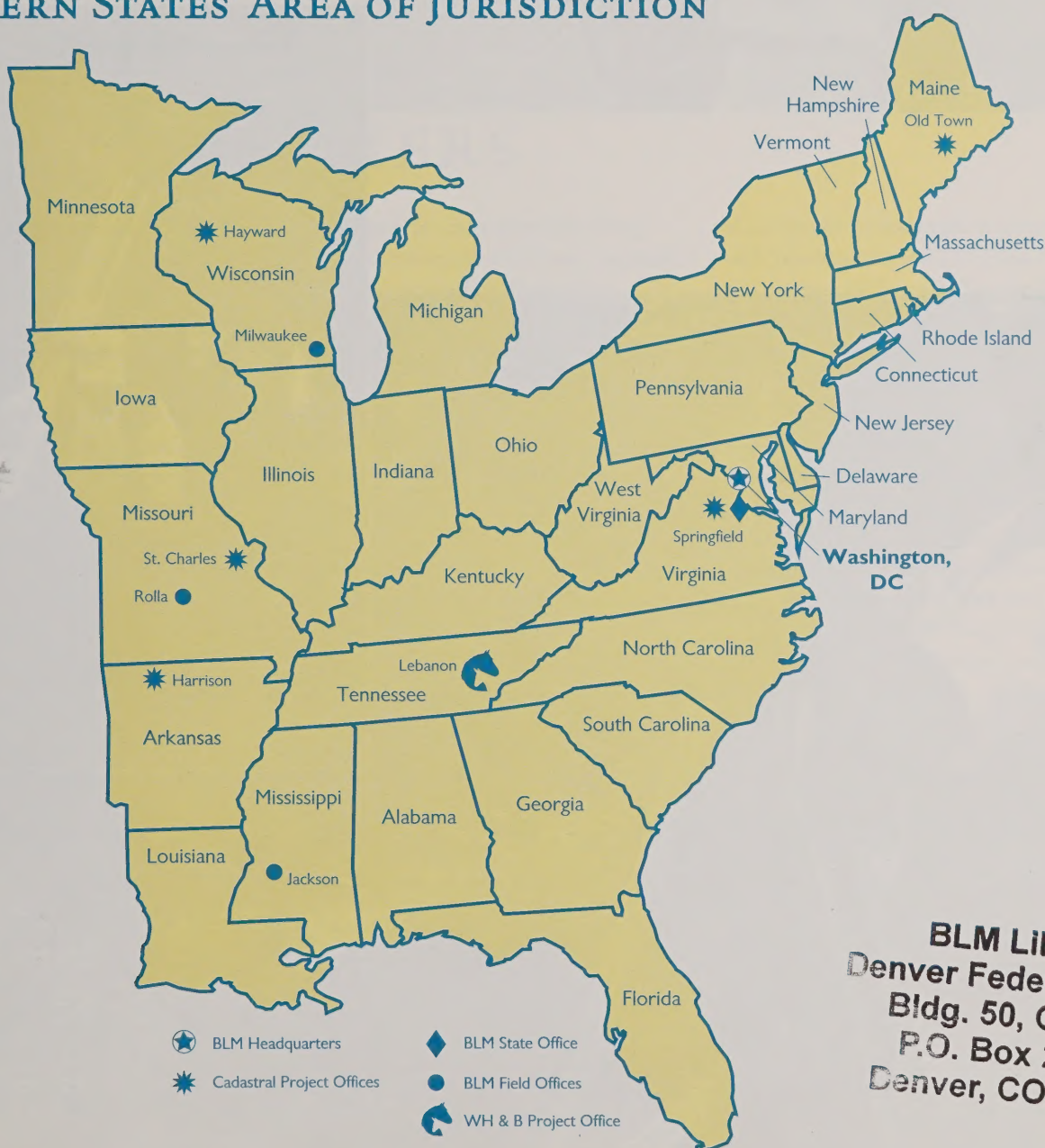




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## OUR CUSTOMERS

A volunteer shows off her mustang "Indian Outlaw" at the Kiwanis Charity Polo Match in The Plains, Virginia.

## CADASTRAL SURVEY

Cadastral surveyors working in the East.





*This special edition is dedicated to the memory of Gary D. Bauer, former Eastern States' Associate State Director and Milwaukee District Manager. Gary was instrumental to the success of Eastern States' mission for many years.*

## INTRODUCTION

**O**n April 8, 2000, Eastern States marked its 20th anniversary of becoming a BLM State Office. Over the last 20 years, Eastern States has been responsible for the stewardship of the public lands and resources in the 31 States east of, and bordering on, the Mississippi River, which includes

20,000 surface acres of public lands and more than 39 million acres of subsurface Federal mineral estate. The surface acreage managed by Eastern States is significant because of its location in the highly populated East and because BLM public lands are of prime importance for recreation and partnerships with

local governments. Eastern States continually seeks input from the public and forges new partnerships to ensure these lands and resources are managed effectively. During our 20-year history, we have truly become *Guardians of the Past—Stewards for the Future*.

## OUR CUSTOMERS

**E**astern States is committed to providing quality customer service and we continually strive to improve the service we give to our customers. This year, we used comment cards to obtain feedback on our major programs as well as surveys to find out what our customers thought about our service and how well we were meeting our commitment. We incorporated focus group suggestions and comments regarding the wild horse and burro program and oil and gas lease sales into our customer service action plan. Input from these sessions held in fiscal year 1999 helped improve our understanding of what our customers want, what we need to do better, and how we can get our customers involved in some of our

processes. In addition to obtaining valuable information from our customers, we also obtained feedback from employees. This year, all employees had an opportunity to evaluate how BLM was doing as an agency and to help identify where we could make improvements in the workplace, which ultimately results in improvements in customer service.

A major factor in the quality of service we provide is the support we receive from volunteers. Eastern States' Volunteer Program was very successful this year with some 700 individuals contributing a total of 5,000 hours of time and energy to improve our public lands and to teach our future generation the importance of a healthy environment. Volunteers are essential to the success

of our programs and major activities such as environmental education events and camps, wild horse and burro adoptions, Adopt-A-Highway cleanups, Red Cross blood drives, camp-outs, and neighborhood and wetland restoration.

Another important aspect of customer service is the support we receive from elected officials who represent our customers and from our partners. Eastern States maintains close working contacts with elected representatives at all levels of government. This year, we made 127 contacts with Congressional offices to present information on our activities, and we continue to work closely with our partners and State and local officials in the East.

## PROGRAMS

### CADASTRAL SURVEY

BLM is the nation's official Federal land surveyor. BLM cadastral surveyors

identify, survey, and maintain legal boundaries on the Federal lands in the East for Federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, National Park

Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This year, survey crews ran 189 miles of survey and established 331 monuments



in our 31-State area of jurisdiction. Our surveyors assisted the National Park Service in surveying and monumenting exterior boundaries of the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia; supported Bureau of Indian Affairs litigation activities by working with the U.S. Department of Justice concerning New York Indian land claims on behalf of the Cayuga, Oneida, and Seneca Nations; conducted surveys for our field offices to address island and light-house issues in the Great Lake States, lands cases in Alabama and Florida, and other areas; and provided support for Eastern States' lands initiatives in Maryland and Virginia. We also provided access and interpretation of the cadastral survey plats and field notes by

providing 1,206 copies of field notes and 1,686 copies of plats to our customers.

We provided applied technical support for Bureauwide cadastral and Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB) systems software, which provides a graphic portrayal, in latitude and longitude, of the Public Land Survey System; collected GCDB data for 30 townships in the States of Arkansas and Michigan; and provided quality control for GCDB data on numerous townships for the Superior, Mark Twain, and Ottawa National Forests. We presented seminars to the Michigan Society of Professional Land Surveyors and to surveyors from the State of Ohio on the use of GCDB measurement management software for GCDB collection, operations,

and maintenance. We also continued outreach efforts to various States, counties, and the private sector in support of partnerships for GCDB data collection.

Additionally, we provided technical cadastral survey training to the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Little Rock, Arkansas; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis, Missouri; the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and the Florida Society of Professional Surveyors in LaBelle, Florida. We also assisted BLM's Washington Office by attending the International Federation of Surveys' Working Week and 23rd Assembly in Prague, Czech Republic.

## GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**People from all over the world visit our office in Springfield, Virginia, to learn about our system of records preservation and access. We are the custodian of more than 9 million historic General Land Office (GLO) records, dating back to 1787, which describe the settlement of the United States. We maintain more than 2,000 tract books that contain land records for the 13 Public Domain States in the East—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin. These records, used extensively by title and abstract companies to verify ownership of land, and by historians, researchers, and genealogists to research family histories, are easily accessible on compact discs and the World Wide Web through the GLO Records Automation System at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>.**

The GLO Web site continues to be extremely successful, with more than 1.2 million customers each year. During

the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, the Web site received 40 million page hits and 18 million image requests. In addition to the 160,000 patent images and data already online for 12 Public Domain States in the East, the "serialized" patents—those post-1908 conveyances issued chronologically from the GLO/BLM headquarters office in Washington, DC—have also been automated by the GLO Web team.

Customer support of the GLO Web site has been overwhelmingly positive; however, we did refine the site based on some of the feedback we received. These refinements have set the standards for online database query, image access, and product ordering in the land title and genealogical arenas. We increased public awareness of our

GLO records and Web site by offering tours of our automation facilities to interested groups to demonstrate our state-of-the-art customer service capabilities. We also presented lectures and exhibits at several major national and regional conferences, such as those of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Genealogical Society, National Association of Librarians, and Lincolnia Senior Center in Virginia.



An early U.S. Land Office.



## LANDS

Through Eastern States' Lands Program, we process all applications for use of, or title to, public land in the 13 Public Domain States in the East. These lands were acquired by the United States Government through treaty, cession by States, or purchase. We resolve title transactions and conflicts that arise in ongoing Bureau programs, including land disposal through sales or transfers, and respond to requests from the public and other agencies for general title information.

In fiscal year 2000, we issued four corrections to previously issued patents, clearing title to 168.82 acres, and we issued patents under various authorities conveying title to 1,138.12 acres of public domain lands. Patents were issued for 272.82 acres on Indian fee lands and 455.01 acres of federally owned mineral interest were conveyed.

We also addressed land conservation issues involved in acquiring land, transferring properties, providing for open space, keeping lands pristine, and protecting watershed and habitat. We continue to successfully manage lands at recreation sites at the Lake Vermilion Islands in Minnesota, scenic beaches in Florida, historic lighthouses in the Great Lakes area, and lands along the Florida coast through cooperative management agreements with State and local governments. Some of these activities include:

**Lighthouses** - We continued our program of transferring surplus lighthouse properties in the Great Lakes area to other agencies and nonprofit organizations. The Wisconsin Resource Management Plan Amendment sets out the procedures to evaluate proposals submitted by these agencies and nonprofit organizations. Increased tourism at the Great Lakes lighthouses reflects America's growing interest in its maritime heritage. The lighthouse tracts contain important habitat for migratory waterfowl and other rare plant and animal species. They also include cultural resources that provide important information about the region's Native American tribal culture and history.

The Michigan Lighthouse Project is a coordinated partnership effort through which Eastern States participates in the transfer of 77 historic lighthouses that are no longer needed by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to entities that will preserve them and ensure public access. The majority of the properties will be transferred through either Recreation & Public Purposes Act authority or withdrawn by another Federal agency such as the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service or the National Park Service (NPS). This year, one lighthouse was transferred to the NPS, three lighthouses were transferred out of Federal ownership through special legislation, and three were determined "unsuitable" for return to the public domain and were forwarded to the General Services Administration

(GSA) for disposal. The priorities for fiscal year 2001 are to dispose of the Big Sable Point and Grand Traverse Lighthouses and plan for the Point Betsie Lighthouse disposal.

The Jackson Field Office coordinated with the USCG and the GSA on the anticipated relinquishment of additional acreage at the Jupiter Inlet tract. We also expect that the USCG will relinquish several additional

lighthouse properties in Florida. New tracts will be evaluated for their suitability to be managed by BLM.

**Virginia Land Exchange** - We are pursuing acquisition of land in Fairfax County, Virginia, through an exchange for Federal land at the former Lorton Correctional Complex in Lorton, Virginia. The proposed land exchange would provide an additional 905 acres of public open space, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat in northern Virginia. On June 22, BLM's Eastern States Director and the landowner signed an agreement to initiate the land exchange and a planning analysis and environmental assessment of the proposed exchange was begun. We expect to complete the exchange in 2001.

**Potomac River Land Acquisition Project** - Eastern States is partnering with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to acquire about 6,000 acres of land along the Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland. The area included in the Potomac River Land Acquisition Project at Douglas Point is one of the most outstanding and ecologically pristine areas remaining in the State of Maryland. This remote area is partially bordered by almost 10 miles of unspoiled coastline along the Potomac River that provide a critical refuge for migratory waterfowl, bald eagles, great blue herons, and numerous other rare and endangered plant and animal species. The area contains segments of Mattawoman Creek, a renowned heritage area, and the historic Port Tobacco River in southern Maryland. The outstanding natural values of this area are complemented by its nationally recognized historical and archaeological resources.

This year, Eastern States received \$2 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for land acquisition in this area, and has requested additional funds in fiscal year 2001; the State of Maryland has provided matching funds. The lands acquired by Eastern States and Maryland will be managed jointly for open space and recreation.



Point Betsie lighthouse.



## MINERALS

The Minerals Management Program is one of Eastern States' largest programs. It produces significant revenues that are shared with the States from which those revenues are generated. We have more than 3,500 Federal mineral leases in the East, most of which are oil and gas leases, covering about 1.8 million acres in 19 of the 31 Eastern States.

Mineral revenue data for fiscal year 2000 will be available in 2001; however, in fiscal year 1999, we generated \$22.4 million in mineral revenue and returned over \$5.9 million to the States. While oil and gas leasing accounted for most of this revenue, a significant

amount of coal, lead, zinc, limestone, clay, quartz, and other minerals were also produced from Federal lands in the East.

Through quarterly oil and gas lease sales this year, we offered 319 parcels covering over 185,000 acres in 9 States. These sales generated almost \$615,000 in bonus bids, filing fees, and first-year lease rentals. All of the parcels we offer for lease are nominated by the oil and gas industry. A major part of our activity in the Oil and Gas Program occurs after the leases are issued. We review all drilling and operations plans. We also inspect drilling and production activities on the ground to ensure that the activities conform to the approved plans and protect the environment.



Drill rig recovering rock core as part of lead-zinc exploration in the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri.

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

This year, Eastern States conducted 46 cultural resources studies in support of oil and gas leasing and production, land disposals, and land exchanges. Contract archaeologists surveyed over 189 acres of public domain land, mostly in the Great Lakes Region. Additionally, they surveyed almost 150 acres of land administered by the General Services

Administration at the Lorton Correctional Complex and 9 acres of private land.

During archaeological investigations at a rock shelter in Jackson County, Illinois, a human bone fragment was discovered. Given the age of the fragment and the present state of knowledge, it was not possible to determine the tribal affiliation of the human remains. However, the aboriginal tribe of this area, the Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma, could claim the remains, and in October

1999, we transferred custody of the human remains to them.

Another accomplishment was the presentation of a symposium on New Research in African American Archaeology in the Lower Mississippi River Valley. The symposium was organized by the Jackson Field Office as part of the annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

## RECREATION

More than 68 percent of Americans live in the 31 States in our administrative area. To reach potential visitors to BLM-administered public lands throughout the country, BLM's Milwaukee Field Office, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service, developed an America's Outdoors Web site at <http://www.americasoutdoors.gov>, which provides educational, conservation, recreational, and resource information to the public. America's Outdoors

continues to develop environmental education resources, programs, and workshops to better serve the youths, educators, and organizations in the area. In cooperation with the Public Lands Interpretive Association, the Milwaukee Field Office also developed an Eastern States' Bookstore Web site as part of the Public Lands Information System at <http://www.publiclands.org/html/home.html>, which provides customers nationwide with public land information and other materials. We also provide information on recreational opportunities



U.S. Forest Service interns facilitate outdoor environmental education activities with neighborhood children and the local YMCA organization through an America's Outdoors event in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



and facilities on public lands for the Federal recreation Web site at <http://www.recreation.gov>.

The award-winning Hatfield-McCoy Trail in West Virginia opened to the public in 2000. This recreational off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail was one of 16 Millennium Trails selected by the White House and the U.S. Department of Transportation for its trail design and use of partnerships. The trail will increase tourism and economic development in southern West Virginia and nearby Kentucky, home of the Hatfields and McCoy's. We continued to provide technical assistance in recreational OHV trail design, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, and recreational trail management through a partnership with the Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Development Coalition, Inc., and Marshall University of Huntington, West Virginia.

We continued to implement the Lake Vermilion Public Islands Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP), which remains dependent upon partnerships with local residents of the Lake Vermilion area, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Soudan Underground Mine State Park. We provided funding for a State Park seasonal employee to monitor public islands at the east end of Lake Vermilion, and members of the Raps Road and Elbow Lake Associations continued to volunteer their services to monitor public islands in the western



First universal access fishing pier at Hoodoo Point at Lake Vermilion, Minnesota.

portion of the lake. In 2000, a fishing pier was acquired and installed at the east end of Lake Vermilion, making this the first public facility to give universal access for fishing experiences in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

## FISH & WILDLIFE

Providing fish and wildlife viewing opportunities to the public in the East has been one of our increasingly important roles. We sponsored or assisted with 10 fishing events for about 400 children in the Jackson, Mississippi, and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas. To expand our outreach efforts, we signed an agreement with the Capital District of Kiwanis International to start an annual youth fishing event for at least 23 clubs throughout Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Our environmental

education camps in Mississippi and Washington, DC, gave 50 youngsters a greater appreciation of natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat.

With the U.S. Forest Service, we cooperatively surveyed areas of the Finger Lakes National Forest in New York for the Indiana bat and other federally protected species in anticipation of oil and gas exploration. We surveyed land proposed for acquisition in Virginia for more than 160 species of birds and trophy white-tailed



The Florida scrub jay is a threatened species found in Florida.

deer, as well as for small whorled pagonia habitat. With the State of Florida and other local entities, we helped reconstruct 7 acres of wetlands at the Jupiter Inlet tract, which benefitted the Florida scrub jay, four-petal paw-paw, perforate reindeer lichen, gopher tortoise,

Curtiss' milkweed, and other protected plant species. We also arranged for cleanup of about 160 acres of bayou, swamps, and ponds in Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

In an effort to maximize law enforcement resources across States, we

merged our Law Enforcement Program with that of the Colorado State Office. The Special Agent in Charge is now located in Colorado, but will inform,

advise, and consult with the Eastern States Director and Field Managers in Jackson and Milwaukee on relevant law enforcement issues and actions.



## FIRE

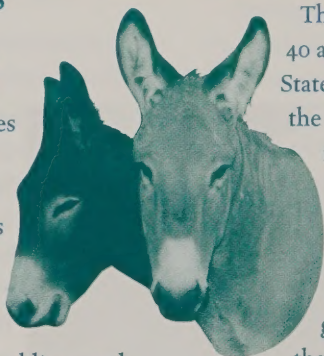
The Jackson Hotshot Crew—the only BLM-sponsored wildland firefighting crew in the Eastern United States—marked their fourth year this year. The crew consists of 20 members who must pass several rigorous physical fitness tests and 80 hours of training prior to deployment to fight fire. The crew worked in central Florida for several weeks before going to Nevada, and then joined hundreds of other firefighters to battle the fires in Montana. The 2000 fire season has been described as the worst fire season in 50 years, and the Jackson Hotshots provided a tremendous amount of support during this long season of fighting large wildland fires.



Jackson Hotshot Crew members fighting fires in a dried-up swampland in central Florida during the 2000 fire season.

## WILD HORSES & BURROS

The public rangelands managed by the BLM in the Western United States are home to more than 45,000 wild horses and burros. These wild horses and burros are descendants of animals released or escaped from Spanish explorers, soldiers, and Native Americans, and are protected under the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971 as "...living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West." We manage these animals in over 200 herd management areas located in 10 western States. Because the horses and burros are protected by Federal law and have few natural predators, their numbers have increased significantly and exceed the rangeland carrying capacity of 27,000. To achieve populations that the range can support, we gather excess animals every year and



offer them for adoption to qualified individuals.

This year, we held over 40 adoption events in Eastern States, including adoptions over the Internet and at our facility in Tennessee. More than 2,000 wild horses and burros, about one-third of the total number of animals gathered, were placed in good homes in the East. Of these animals, 120 were placed through 4 adoptions held via our Web site at <http://www.adoptahorse.blm.gov>. This site received more than 200,000 hits during the year and continues to receive more than 500 hits per day. In addition to holding adoptions, we conducted 1,900 on-the-ground compliance inspections to verify the health, well-being, and humane treatment of adopted wild horses and burros and to assist new adopters.

We publicize the adoption program by attending national events such as the

Equine Affair in Ohio and Massachusetts; Equitanna, U.S.A. in Kentucky, one of the largest equine affairs in the world; a newer event, the Carolina Classic Horse Expo, which offers equestrians in the East a look at the latest in all equine matters; and the U.S. Pony Club East Coast Championship. Other opportunities to reach potential adopters occur through the Wild Horse Workshop '99, a national clinic which drew participants to work with clinicians and wild horses to learn "hands-on" techniques; the Kentucky Horse Park, which has an interactive wild horse & burro exhibit that is available to approximately 300,000 visitors each year and provides a home base for the Mustang Troop, a group of inner-city youth who work with and ride mustangs under the guidance of the Lexington police; and the Salvation Army, where three prison-trained wild horses have been placed at Camp Puh'tok, a children's camp in Monkton, Maryland.



# BUDGET

We receive most of our operating budget through congressionally appropriated funds. Allocations in fiscal year 2000 were:

Funding Levels (Figures in thousands of dollars)	
Energy and Minerals	4,796
Lands and Realty/Cadastral Survey	4,286
Renewable Resources (including WH&B Program)	4,744
Resource Protection	918
General Administration (including lease/space costs)	3,376
Fire Management	400
Total Budget (BLM-Appropriated Funds)	18,520

## 1999 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Receipts from Mineral Leases Distributed to States

State	\$ PILT	Entitlement Acres	Mineral Leasing-Royalties, Rents, & Other Revenues	
			\$ State	\$ Federal
Alabama	379,424	781,124	1,420,000	3,005,146
Arkansas	1,723,721	3,263,951	820,000	2,481,653
Connecticut	11,324	11,871		
Delaware	10,885	14,669		
District of Columbia	5,215	6,960		
Florida	1,713,122	2,482,549	1,000	16,385
Georgia	833,594	1,275,103		
Illinois	347,230	476,546	107,000	147,915
Indiana	260,945	355,991		
Iowa	131,579	175,873		
Kentucky	727,353	1,123,629	46,000	139,220
Louisiana	154,816	734,861	1,276,000	7,579,825
Maine	100,722	116,549		
Maryland	51,190	43,153		10,117
Massachusetts	41,885	40,234		
Michigan	1,314,138	2,143,927	418,000	1,601,278
Minnesota	944,771	2,895,763	12,000	50,488
Mississippi	558,615	1,632,158	413,000	1,757,464
Missouri	1,282,100	2,043,545	1,080,000	4,700,906
New Hampshire	520,545	750,843		
New Jersey	35,428	39,854		
New York	53,735	59,783		
North Carolina	1,280,234	1,708,176		474
Ohio	265,989	343,984	118,000	230,829
Pennsylvania	166,830	653,651	23,000	38,505
Rhode Island	0	5		
South Carolina	185,049	773,371		
Tennessee	699,638	1,162,564		10
Vermont	265,301	379,509		
Virginia	1,199,069	2,043,075	49,000	90,515
West Virginia	892,121	1,216,869	174,000	493,460
Wisconsin	293,889	1,356,562		180

We also receive funding through agreements with public and private partners for other work done within the Eastern States' jurisdiction, either on a strictly reimbursable basis or through matching fund arrangements. These projects cover such program areas as wildlife, recreational trails, and cadastral survey (boundary surveys).

Based on actions such as mineral leasing, we collect more money than we receive in our annual budget. All of the revenues we generate are sent to the U.S. Treasury, and some of those revenues are shared with States. In fiscal year 1999, \$22.4 million was collected, mainly from mineral royalties, rents, and bonuses, and \$5.9 million was returned to the States from which the revenue was generated.







# PARTNERSHIPS

**M**uch of our work in Eastern States is done through partnerships. We pride ourselves on working with thousands of invaluable partners, from minority schools to the Outdoor Writers Association of America, to educate the public on the environment and to publicize the recreational opportunities the public lands provide for all Americans. Eastern States is committed to carrying the message of good land stewardship to current and future generations of Americans. Examples include:

**BLM's Adopt-A-Horse or Burro Program Interactive CD-ROM** - Mississippi libraries were the first in the Nation to "round-up" the interactive Adopt-A-Horse or Burro Program CD-ROM. In partnership with the Mississippi Governor's Office, our Jackson Field Office has begun distributing this award-winning educational, interactive CD-ROM to all 49 library systems in the State and also conducted educational presentations this past summer.

**Fire in the Ecosystem Exhibit** - In partnership with the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, the Jackson Field Office began work on an interactive exhibit about fire in the ecosystem.



A youth volunteer takes pride in raking a flowerbed at the Urban Tree House site at Lynden Hill near his neighborhood on National Public Lands Day in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**National Public Lands Day** - In late September, volunteers across the nation gathered at predetermined locations to spend a day helping our public lands. In the East, partners and employees from our offices in Mississippi, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Virginia participated in shoreline and environmental cleanup, trail maintenance, erosion control work, fencing and reseeding projects, plant salvage and removal, and landscaping.

**Mississippi's Exotic Pest Council** - Although kudzu is the region's most infamous invader, the "plant that ate the South" is not alone. Almost 600 exotic plant species are invading natural areas in Mississippi; this is almost 20 percent of the plant species diversity in the State. In fiscal year 2000, 48 representatives from the plant industry, State and Federal Government, researchers, and nonprofit groups attended the kickoff meeting of the Mississippi's Exotic Pest Council, sponsored by our Jackson Field Office, The Nature Conservancy, and the Museum of Natural Science.

**Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC)** - The ELRC is an organization of State and Federal land managers that fosters communication, professional development, and sound practices in the management of public lands. We have enjoyed a professional camaraderie with the ELRC since 1983. This camaraderie has been extremely beneficial to both the BLM and individual State Departments of Natural Resources for managing public lands and sharing data to avoid duplication of efforts in the automation of land records.

**Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA)** - Since 1991, we have actively promoted BLM programs to the members of OWAA, a powerful organization of journalists and industry public affairs professionals who are dedicated to the conservation of our



A long-time Brunton partner, Jon Cox, instructs youngsters on how to use binoculars at this summer's Outdoor Writers Association of America conference.

natural resources and sound outdoor education. During the 2000 OWAA conference, we teamed up with private industry partners Brunton Company and Pennington Seed, Inc., to feature "Watchable Wildlife" through a bird identification contest. We also continue to assist the OWAA organization in arranging interesting environmental activities for youngsters. Our private industry partners lend a hand by teaching orienteering and compass reading and conveying the importance of responsible outdoor recreation.

**Girl Scouts of America** - Our Jackson Field Office continued its partnership with the Girl Scouts of America in central Florida at Camp Wildwood. Two more mustangs were adopted by the camp, making a total of seven mustangs for the girls to enjoy riding during summer camp. Working with the local Girl Scouts of America Council in Mississippi, we also helped design a "BLM Pathways to Fishing" patch, a first for such an event.





**Legacy of the Land** - In fiscal year 2000, BLM presented the Department of Environmental Resources Management, Palm Beach County, Florida, with BLM's prestigious "Legacy of the Land Award" for their efforts to preserve the unique plant and wildlife habitat of the Jupiter Inlet Natural Area in Tequesta. This was the first time the award has been presented in the Eastern United States.



Rich Walesky from Florida's Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management discusses the County's work on the Jupiter Inlet Natural Area in Tequesta, Florida, after receiving BLM's "Legacy of the Land Award," a first in the East!



# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION

**W**e use our proximity to the Eastern United States population centers to help educate the American public about our responsibilities for environmentally sound management of our public lands and resources, with special emphasis on mineral resources, recreational, and cultural opportunities to embrace urban and minority constituents. Some of these outreach activities include:



## **Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) -**

The WOW program encourages urban youth ages 8-12 to participate in environmental education and traditional recreation activities such as camping, fishing, and hiking. The Washington, DC, WOW partnership consists of Federal, State, and local agencies, and private and nonprofit community organizations. This year, we joined our partners and helped out with WOW's first overnight campout at the Brunswick Family Campground in Brunswick, Maryland; the annual Earth



Youngsters participate in a "Pathways to Fishing" activity at the District Heights, Maryland, Wonderful Outdoor World event held this summer.

Day Environmental Fair and the Fourth Annual Urban Water Festival at Anacostia Park in southeast Washington, DC; the Greater Washington Urban League campout at Cosca Regional Park in Clinton, Maryland; and another WOW campout at Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area in Queenstown, Maryland.

**Piney Woods School** - We reissued a cooperative agreement with Piney



Forester George Mayo, International Paper Company, with students from the Piney Woods Forestry Camp, a part of the Piney Woods School Summer Enrichment Program, visits the Georgia Pacific Loblolly Pine Seedling Nursery in Georgetown, Mississippi.

Woods School in Mississippi, a historically Black boarding school, which furthers minority education in natural resources, to emphasizes potential employment with the BLM and allow BLM employees to develop programs and teach at the school. This long-standing partnership has led to the establishment of a cooperatively managed wild horse and burro holding facility, where we help students learn about equines. This year, students and employees from the Jackson Field Office participated in a live, interactive environmental education broadcast entitled, "Wild Things '99 - Watersheds: Rivers Run Through Them."

We also conducted our eighth annual Environmental Education Camp with

40 minority students. The 2-week camp provided academic and "hands-on" natural resource-related experiences. Students spent a week at the school in classroom discussion and going on field trips to a seedling nursery and paper mill, and a week at Crow's Neck Environmental Education Camp in northern Mississippi.

## **Betty Brinn Children's Museum -**

Through a memorandum of understanding with the Betty Brinn Children's Museum, our Milwaukee Field Office provided environmental education to over 3,000 visitors. With help from America's Outdoors, the "Magic School Bus Inside the Earth" exhibit was brought back to the museum, where beloved teacher Ms. Frizzle shared her message about geology with children in a fun, hands-on way. Ms. Frizzle provides a live presence inside the "Magic School Bus" classroom area and encourages visitors to examine samples of sand from around the world through a binocular microscope. This year's exhibit also featured exploration of the mysteries of rocks and the surface of the earth's crust and a journey through a volcano.

**Urban Tree Houses** - This past summer, we worked with America's



A group of youngsters plant a tree at the Lynden Hill Urban Tree House site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Outdoors, a partnership of eight agencies and organizations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to help develop the Milwaukee Urban Tree House site at Lynden Hill. Efforts included conducting

resource management and environmental education workshops, community plantings and workshops, a site cleanup, produce and flower sales, and site tours. America's Outdoors also collaborated on an outdoor classroom layout and began a mapping project of the Urban Tree House site. Over 700 children and adults participated in these events to learn about the Urban Tree House and the environment. The Washington, DC, Urban Tree House (DCUTH) continued efforts to provide the community, especially its youth, with natural resource and environmental education programs, as well as numerous recreational experiences. The DCUTH was established in 1995, through collaboration with Federal, State, and local agencies and private and nonprofit community organizations.

This year, the National Urban Tree Houses held their first summit in Washington, DC, where partners from Wisconsin, Oregon, Utah, Georgia, and Washington, DC, met to brainstorm and share information about their own Urban Tree Houses. The meeting resulted in partners agreeing to develop a new national brochure, a new and improved linkable national Web site, and an annual Urban Tree House report.



**Miner Elementary School** - Our partnership with Miner Elementary School in Washington, DC, was established to provide an environmental education computer center and to encourage minority students to consider furthering their education in natural resources. We participated in Miner Elementary School's Career Day by providing a WOW campout demonstration and presenting the ever popular "Urban Leave No Trace" activity, both focusing on the environment. This long-standing partnership has led to the establishment of a Natural Resources Club, which involves presenting environmental education programs and activities to the students.

**Milwaukee Sports Show** - We participated at the Milwaukee Sports Show, which was attended by 160,000 people. America's Outdoors representatives staffed an exhibit that focused on recreating on Federal lands in Wisconsin and featured a computerized exhibit that offered a "hands-on" experience in locating recreation information for other States across the nation.

**Heritage Education** - This year, BLM's Milwaukee Field Office coordinated a Project Archaeology Teachers Workshop in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, designed to introduce educators to the process of archaeology, the pre-European inhabitants of the area, and issues in the preservation of archaeological resources. The workshop, sponsored through America's Outdoors, offered 10 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction equivalency clock hours and a Project Archaeology teacher certificate. A "Project Archaeology Toolbox" has been created and will be available for loan to educators.

**Other Outreach Events** - We also provided outreach activities such as the Aqua Fair in Mississippi, which teaches hundreds of elementary students about water quality; Linking Girls to the Land workshops in Florida, introducing Girl Scouts to Federal agencies and opportunities for volunteering and professional careers; North Lincoln Park Community campout in Washington, DC, an Urban Tree House environmental education community event; the Dixie National Extravaganza, an equine trade show held in Jackson, Mississippi; Statewide Science Olympiad, held annually at Jackson State University in Mississippi, where middle and high school students participate and compete in science-oriented activities to increase their interest in science; Project Learning Tree, where Jackson Field Office facilitators assist in introducing the Project Learning Tree curriculum to teachers at workshops Statewide; Midtown Neighborhood Flower Explosion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where volunteers help plant a variety of flowers to enhance the surrounding areas; Becoming An Outdoors Woman, held at Roosevelt State Park in Mississippi, where women learn outdoor skills such as hiking and map reading; Pony Club Nationals in Lexington, Virginia, which teaches children to young adults how to care for, ride, and train horses; and the Lindsey Heights Neighborhood Restoration Project in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, where volunteers work together on tree plantings, cleanups, and restoration.



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